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Thomas B. Lacasia

Extracts from CP File 1955-62

1) 2/6/62 Memo in form of Witness Report indicates that Lacasia departed HQS for a field assignment on 7/31/62.

2) Witness Report of 11/21/61 for Lacasia as Branch Chief of OC/SR/C for period of 7/60-10/61 lists following specific duties:

- 1) Supervises large functional branch of 37 staff & 15 contract personnel
- 2) Plans & programs for ops. support, including initiation of new support activities.
- 3) Supervises preparation of, & sometimes personally prepares, special studies both on own initiative & on request.
- 4) Conducts liaison w/ various components of Agency & w/ other agencies.
- 5) Prepares & presents briefings.
- 6) Supervises maintenance of SR Div. records on Sov. defe., supports exploitation of defe. & participates in their resettlement.

3) Witness Report of 6/60 for period of April 1, 1959-June 1960 for Lacasia as (no "official position title" in FE [Tokyo Station]¹³) SR lists following specific duties:

- 1) Chief, Sov. Branch, responsible for activities of 39 staff & 6 contract employees.
- 2) Responsible for station se planning, budgeting & operating activities.
- 3) Representing the station at various levels in all SR matters.
- 4) Case officer.

Signed By John Baker (27¹³ CUS. Tokyo) on transmittal

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4) Fitness Report of 4/27/59 for period of 4/10/58 - 3/31/59 for Casaris as
no "official" ^{position} title in 52 ¹³ [Tokyo, Japan] lists following specific duties:

- 1) Supervises & directs operational branch of 17 persons
- 2) Conducts operational liaison w/ local intelligence & security services.
- 3) " " liaison w/ U.S. military & civilian intelligence services
- 4) Case officer

5) Fitness Report (Part I) ^{Supervisor} for period of 10/1/57 - 9/9/58 for Casaris as
"Area Ops Officer" in FE ¹³ [Tokyo, Japan]. This is a promotional report
listing following specific duties:

- 1) As branch chief directs & plans ops. of branch area branch
- 2) Conducts operational liaison w/ local security services.
- 3) Develops & handles agents.
- 4) Conducts liaison w/ other U.S. agencies.

6) Fitness Report (Part II - Potential) for period of 10/1/57 - 4/9/58 states that
his potential for advancement is excellent in light of his operational
know-how & supervisory talent regardless of his age.

7) Fitness Report (Part I) for period of 10/1/56 - 9/30/57 for Casaris as
"Area Operations Officer" in ¹³ [Tokyo Station] - REDWOOD lists following
specific duties:

- 1) Deputy to Branch Chief
- 2) Conducts foreign liaison
- 3) Prepares & manages projects
- 4) Supervising
- 5) Prepares correspondence & reports & handles admin. matters

6) Develops & handles agents
Signed by Edward Martinius, Chief 504 Branch ¹³ [Japan Station] & Lloyd Hodge ²⁷ ¹³ [Cds. Tokyo]

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- 8) Fitness Report (Part II) for period 10/1/56 to 9/30/57 indicates subj. is well-suited for this business; should progress steadily to positions of great responsibility.
- 9) Fitness Report for period 2/17/55 - 9/30/55 indicates Lancia assumed responsibility as chief of HSSK Base [Tokyo]¹³ in 2/55.
- 10) There are several memos recommending L's promotion during period of 1957-1959.
- 11) Reg 7/9/62 Request for Personnel Action reflects L's desire for resignation effective 8/4/62 "to accept private employment".
- 12) L's Personal History Stmt. dated 11/25/48

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